

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 14-16, and 28-30 were pending in the application. Claims 1-28 have been canceled and claims 31-49 have been added. No claims have been amended. Therefore, claims 29-49 are now pending and submitted for consideration.

Priority Claim

Certified copies of JP 2003-110501 and JP 2003-317003 are enclosed.

Objections

The Examiner objected to the Specification due to informalities. Paragraphs [0028] and [0029] have been amended to correct the informalities. Accordingly, a withdrawal of this objection is both warranted and respectfully requested.

Rejections

Claims 29-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,113,131 (“Uehara”).

The rejection should be withdrawn because Uehara fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed invention. For example, Uehara fails to disclose, teach or suggest a method of making a cover component comprising molding using a die “to form a molded material having a recessed line corresponding to said raised line ... [and] using said laser so as to bore a plurality of hollows in said recessed line” as called for by claim 29. Uehara discloses a cover component with a lid 31 and tearable portion 31a. Figures 4(a) and 4(b) of Uehara illustrate the tearable portion 31a formed in a groove 31b. The tearable portion 31a may be formed by irradiation of a laser beam. However, Uehara clearly states that a tearable portion should not be formed using a molding die. *See* Uehara at Col. 1, lines 31-46. Accordingly, contrary to the Office Action’s assertions, Uehara fails to disclose, teach or suggest “molding said moldable material using said die” to form a tear line. Therefore, the rejection of claim 29 should be withdrawn.

Claim 30 and new claims 31-45 depend from claim 29 and are allowable therewith, for at least the reasons set forth above, without regard to the further patentable subject matter set forth in these dependent claims.

New independent claim 46 contains elements similar to claim 29. For example, claim 46 calls for "forming a recessed line ... by using a raised line provided on a core surface of a die ... and boring hollows in the recessed line," which is not disclosed, taught or suggested by Uehara. Thus, claim 46 is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance.

New claims 47-49 depend from claim 46 and are allowable therewith, for at least the reasons set forth above, without regard to the further patentable subject matter set forth in these dependent claims.

Conclusion

Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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